Revision of Pension Payment Orders of retired Defence employees

2521. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 876 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 31st July, 1985 and state:

(a) whether any instructions have been issued to the office of the Controller of Defence Accounts (Pensions), Allahabad for revision of Pension Payment Orders (PPO) of the retired employees of Defence Services on the basis of the Supreme Court Judgement of 1983; if so when;

(b) whether any cell has been opened in his Ministry to monitor the progress in implementation of the judgement and whether any time bound programme has been set for its implementation; if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what was the total number of Air Force Employees of Warrant Officers' rank who retired from service on the 28th February, 1978; how many of them have been issued with revised Pension Payment Orders and what are the names of the remaining employees whose Pension Payment Orders are under revision and by when orders in their cases are likely to be issued?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) In pursuance of the Supreme Court Judgement of December, 1982 (and not 1983), Orders were issued by this Ministry in November and December, 1983.

(b) Pension was required to be revised by (i) the Pension Disbursing Authorities themselves in respect of the personnel who were covered by the ready reckoners and who opted for revision as per these ready reckoners, and (ii) by CDA (P) in respect of those who were either not covered by the ready reckoners or did not opt for it. The position regarding revision of pension by CDA (P) is being monitored by this Ministry. However, since pension is required to be revised by CDA(P) only on receipt of applications from pensioners, for which no time-limit has been fixed, it is not possible to lay down any time-bound programme for revision of pension.

(c) 28 Warrant Officers retired on 28-2-1978; pension has been revised by CDA (P) in 21 cases. Application for revision of pension has not been received by him from the remaining 7 Warrant Officers whose names are given in the attached Statement. However, based on the available records, their pension would also be revised by CDA (P).

Statement

In pursuance of the Supreme Court Judgement of December, 1982, pension is yet to be revised in respect of the following seven Warrant Officers who retired on 28-2-78 and whose applications have not been received by CDA(P):—

S.No.	Regimental No.	Name
1.	19152	Krishnaswamy B.
2.	30255	Bhanot S.
3.	400484	Sebastian A.V.
4.	43784	Ganapati R.
5.	34209	Hari Singh
6.	15523	Hawaldar
7.	34629	Puri M.P.

Compensation for the families of the crew of the missing merchant ships

2522. SHRI C. HARIDAS: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state what type of compensation Government propose to award to the families of those who disappeared with the two missing merchant ships namely M.V. 'Nitya Nanak' 'and M. V. 'Nitya Ram' recently?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): The compensation payable to the families of the crew of the two missing ships is governed by the National Maritime Board Agreement in the case of Ratings and the Maritime Union of India|Indian National Shipowners Association Agreement relating to Officers. Accordingly, the families